

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, the pending claims were rejected as follows: Claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,628,974 ("Lim") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,163,682 ("Lee") and Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lim in view of Lee and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,438,392 ("Toba").

Lee was cited, in combination with other references, to reject each pending claim. Lee is assigned on its face to Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. An Assignment of the pending application to Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 2001, and recorded at Reel 012406, Frame 0125.

The pending application and Lee were, at the time the invention of the pending application was made, owned by Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. Accordingly, Lee does not preclude patentability of the claims of the pending application. See 35 U.S.C. §103(c). The pending claims, i.e. Claims 1-4, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

On December 23, 2003, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed in the pending application. The Office Action, which is dated December 19, 2003, does not indicate that the Examiner received the IDS. The IDS and Office Action appear to have crossed in the mail. Consideration and entry of the IDS and the cited references is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants'

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Respectfully submitted,

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